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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

Apricot drying has begun in the vicinity of Tustin.

Ranchers near Anaheim expect a short walnut crop.

Tustin is to entertain visiting teachers of the N. E. A.

The automobiles will be introduced in Pasadena next season.

The residents of Ocean Park are clamoring for a postoffice.

The San Bernardino Times-Index is in the hands of a receiver.

The steamer Hermosa is taking over 200 passengers to Catalina on Sundays.

Santa Ana will give a \$1 round-trip excursion during the N. E. A. convention.

San Pedro is agitating bonding for city hall and other municipal improvements.

Lamanda is to organize a sanitary district for the purpose of keeping out saloons.

Long Beach will have a new bath house, boat house and promenade within two weeks.

Fred Esler of San Bernardino has taken a \$2300 gold brick out of his Virginia Dale mine.

The health officers of Pasadena are making war upon butchers who handle diseased meat.

John D. Spreckels of San Francisco, and his family are passing the summer at Coronado Beach.

Frank Fuller, 43 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself at Somis. Liquor was the cause.

The big barbecue, which was the principal feature of the recent harbor jubilee, cost a total of \$4,514.50.

San Diego desires some of the cannon captured by the United States during the recent Spanish war.

Twenty young ladies from the Los Angeles normal school will pit apricots in the Simi valley this season.

An effort will be made to have the Grapeland Irrigation District, located in San Bernardino county, dissolved.

The sale of the Patterson ranch to Henry T. Oxnard, or the American Beet Sugar Company, has been consummated.

The Los Angeles company organized to utilize the power of the sea need not be afraid of wasting any of the raw material.

The trustees of Pasadena are preparing condemnation proceedings to obtain possession of the water plants of that city.

Harry, son of George W. Hazard, of San Diego, has been admitted to practice law in the courts of New York. He is a graduate of Stanford.

Judson Blick has returned to Pasadena loaded with sacks of Alaska gold. F. E. Burnham, the African explorer, will be out on the next steamer.

A number of Santa Barbara teachers have made arrangements to spend the month of July in Los Angeles. They have rented a large house and will occupy it together during the N. E. A. convention.

The summer schedule to Catalina will go into effect on July 5. On and after that day there will be two boats each way daily, except Saturdays, when there will be three, and Sundays, when there will be but one.

Boston, Mass.—At the Harvard commencement exercises the degree of bachelor of arts with magna cum laude, on account of excellence in the whole academic course, was awarded to Charles Almont Ruggles of Redlands, Cal.

The wrath-provoking question: "Is this hot enough for you?" is almost a crime. San Bernardino, at least, can make the punishment fit the crime. She has a twenty-ton steam hammer in the railroad shops, just about to start up for the season.

Anaheim reports short on walnuts, but long on celery. Thus does the working man find pleasant and surprising truth in the old saw: "Tis an ill wind that blows good to nobody." A helpful moral, loaded with important knowledge is scattered all through this paragraph. "Rotation," or "diversity," which?

Marriage bells are ringing in the up-

per half of Santa Barbara, their delightful music being punctuated, however, by the dull thud of the divorce decree, as it issues in the lower half. Thus does the local Cupid, aided by the divines, even up with the distinguished jurists, the cooling and the cussedness of poor humanity.

The Orange County Plain Dealer says on the subject of irrigation: "What's the matter that the Anaheim district has to pay 80 cents while Santa Ana pays but 20? Is it the system? If so, change the system. Is it the men that manage the system? If so, change the men." This dictum is simply impregnable, and would make a first-class subject for the Anaheim Debating Club.

Here's to the street sweeping outfit of Los Angeles! During the stay of the brainy people who will attend the National Educational association, no one feature of municipal wisdom will more certainly appeal to their sense of fitness than the work of the men who, daily and hourly, clean the downtown districts. The man behind the broom is a street decoration to be proud of.

Pomona is not content with writing, printing, speaking and living up to all the good things in her delightful valley, for the benefit of the National Educational Association, so has organized a "N. E. A. Chorus." In the happy diapason that blesses that musical valley, our visitors will hear oranges in high C, morality in A on added line above, deciduous fruits in twenty-two sharps, and general prosperity in fourteen octaves of dulcet harmony. Good for Pomona!

The Pasadena News naively remarks: "The first N. E. A. teachers went through Pasadena and were heard exclaiming 'Beautiful,' 'Fine,' 'Lovely' through the windows of the cars at the depot." Editor Melick neglected to state just where he stood, but evidently he must have been where the whole delegation could get a good look at him. Such delicious candor is refreshing in these times when so many assume virtues that they do not possess.—Los Angeles Times.

The Duarte-Monrovia Fruit Exchange declared a dividend of \$28,000 to its members yesterday. This for navel oranges only. This fact and the increased supply of water, together with the fact that all ditches and conduits are to be made of cement, indicate future prosperity in a greater degree than present success, and will be a powerful argument for attracting investors. Southern California optimism finds excellent exponents in the business men of Monrovia and Duarte.—Los Angeles Times.

The Los Angeles Times correspondence says: "The mountain fire near Fredalpa Park in San Bernardino county has been extinguished, with but one hundred acres burned, which resulted without damage of consequence." This is a warning note to the men to whom is intrusted the task of avoiding fires in the mountain districts. An abundance of fire in the mountains means a scarcity of water in the towns, and this should make all parties very careful of camp fires and matches while in the canyons.

George W. Russel was talking into a Santa Barbara telephone, when, he alleges, some one turned on the "buzzer" and he was "knocked down and practically paralyzed," for which he seeks \$6000 damages. If George would but practice on a Los Angeles telephone for six months he would become so stiff-necked that nothing short of doubled-gearied streak lightning would move him. And when it did move him, he would be so dead as to leave the pleasant duty of seeking damages to his heirs.—Los Angeles Times.

It is refreshing to read that the people conducting the cannery and drier at Ventura consider the health and comfort of the women and girls who do the work. It is painful to visitors at many of the packing and canning establishments to see how little is done in this way. Much maudlin sentiment is wasted on ill-kept horses and cattle by goody-goody people, who could find a burning need for all their spare sympathy in working for decent quarters and decent surroundings for the poor girls and women who find it necessary to cut or pack fruit.—Los Angeles Times.

San Pedro has been the site and the synonym for many cold things for many "fresh" people. This was on the side of political ethics. On the business side this tendency takes the form of a large frozen fish-plant, in which the tons of fish of her teeming waters will be frozen and shipped in that condition to eastern markets. The mining districts of Colorado are the objective points. The extremes of frozen fish and tropical fruits from the same district must impress the people of the east with the great possibilities on this coast. Everything from succulent shrimps to sea serpents in job lots goes.—Los Angeles Times.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Frank P. Wickersham, at one time a prominent politician, who was cut off by his father, the Petaluma millionaire, with a legacy of only \$5, stated at Fresno that he intended to contest the will and expressed confidence in his ability to break it. He declares that his father was under undue influence of his son, Fred A. Wickersham.

Spokane, Wash.—Three thousand people were in the sad procession that followed the late Ensign Robert Monaghan from the City Hall to Gonzaga Chapel, while 25,000 more lined the streets on the line of march. Former Senator John T. Wilson delivered the eulogy at the public gathering and Father Jacques, Monaghan's teacher in boyhood, also delivered an address.

Entries were made at the Custom House at San Francisco of the cargo of the steamer Rio de Janeiro, which arrived from the Orient. One shipment of silk was valued at \$600,000, while 500 cases of opium were listed on the manifest at \$205,000 in value. The silk, being raw material, is allowed to enter free, while upon the opium used for smoking purposes, the duty amounts to \$125,000.

Sacramento is in the throes of municipal gestation, that morality may come and dethrone gambling. To all the world in general and Sacramento in particular is commended the Los Angeles method, built upon the historic and pregnant utterance: "The way to resume is to resume." An apt paraphrase is, the way to stop gambling is to stop gambling. With a multitude of other blessings already bestowed on the dyke-bound capital, this is included.

Sacramento—The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children took charge of a girl, 16 years old, who came here to meet a man from Folsom who had agreed to employ her. He promised to meet her at the depot in this city, but she remained there all day without food or money. Finally her distress was called to the attention of the society officer, Dan Healy. She was placed in a good family and her mother notified. The society believes it was fortunate for the girl that the man who wrote her did not meet her, as the name is that of a person who has a bad reputation.

The Sacramento Record-Union tells of a "Bloomer social" as follows: "The 'bloomer' social given yesterday afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Anna F. Paulk, No. 913 F street, was an unqualified success, considered from every standpoint. 'Bloomers' were in evidence everywhere. They were worn by the ladies, and literally covered the walls of the parlors, and in style were everything from the sunflower to the sweet pea." At this point in the narrative the snake editor fell under his table in spasms, and was revived only on reading the remainder of the item, as follows: "The 'bloomers' were posies, beautiful blossoms culled from the gardens of the queen city of the plains."

The world is indebted to Alameda for many and various things, and now must stand with uncovered head before the genius, if not the manhood, of one Daniel Graham. Graham did not like his mother-in-law, and she stood all the abuse he was capable of, till, in her own story, "When Mr. Graham overstepped the bounds of propriety by getting her into the back yard and playing the hose on her. She declares that she attempted to escape from him by running into the house, but he followed her and picking up a kettle of boiling water as he passed through the kitchen, chased her into her bedroom and poured the contents of the kettle over her." It is a question which was the more cruel, Alameda Creek water straight from the hose, or boiled. Over the room door should be a red and yellow worked-worsted sign: "God Bless Our Home."

### KILLED A "DUMMY."

Bloodless Murder Committed by Highbinders With Coats of Mail.

San Jose—Deputy Sheriff Bache, who was shot in a desperate encounter which the officers had with a murderous gang of highbinders, is much better. It has been found that his wound is only a flesh wound. The

bullet turned and passed around, not going through the abdomen. With no unforeseen trouble he will be out in a few days.

The officers have four men in jail, accused of the crime. They are Chin Yun, Luie Sing, Wong Hing and an unknown. It seems to be rather doubtful if they can connect more than one man with the affair. Later investigations show that it was a plan to commit a cold-blooded murder. Wing Ho is the president of the local Hip Sing Tong. Fong Soon, another Hip Sing Tong man, was marked for death.

The sheriff's office had received notice that a gang of highbinders were coming here from San Francisco to do the murder. The men marked for victims asked protection. The highbinders selected to do the deed arrived. The sheriff determined on showing them a trick, so a "dummy," fixed up much like Wong Ho, was made and placed in the latter's bed. The officers concealed themselves in the room and awaited developments.

About 11 o'clock two men entered the room, while another stood guard at the door. All had on slippers. The two who first entered crept stealthily to Wing Ho's bed. The "dummy" was sleeping peacefully. Each man put a pistol to the head and fired. Before they could leave the room, the officers opened fire at close and deadly range. One man dropped, but got up, as was shown later, and after a desperate battle, in which the officers fired some ten or fifteen shots, and the Chinese nearly as many, all the men got out of the room. The light went out at the first shot, and all was darkness. Bache said he had been shot, and there was some delay in looking after him, as it was believed he had been shot through the abdomen. This caused some delay in any arrests.

The officers say that the highbinders wore coats of mail. Right where the two men stood who shot the dummy were picked up three bullets. All bullets are battered and dented by contact with some hard substance which turned them. This explained why one or two dropped, but got up again. Bache is a dead shot, and he says he knows he hit the man he first shot at, for he could see him. Deputy Anderson, who used a 41-caliber pistol, says he hit his man, and he shows the battered bullet.

The affair has caused much excitement in the Chinese colony. Some time ago a man was shot mysteriously there. It is said he was shot by mistake, as the ball was aimed for the Hip Sing Tong president.

### WANTED HIM HERSELF.

So Mrs. Kopp Kills Her Husband With a Pistol.

San Francisco—Mrs. Charles Kopp shot and killed her husband in the parlor of their residence, No. 18 Lewis street. The only witness of the tragedy was the 14-year-old daughter of the couple, who had lived unhappily together for some time.

Leaving her dead husband in a pool of his own blood, Mrs. Kopp locked up the house, and going to the home of her sister and brother-in-law informed them of what she had done. Then they all returned to the scene of the crime. The brother-in-law blew a police whistle, and on the arrival of an officer Mrs. Kopp surrendered herself, saying: "I killed him because I wanted him all for myself."

Jealousy of a woman named Mrs. B. Monti, to whom Kopp was attentive, and to whom he had deeded the community property during his wife's absence in the East, was the cause of the murder. Several days ago Mrs. Kopp tried to have the property reconveyed to her. A quarrel ensued, and she made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot her husband.

She and her daughter tracked Kopp and Mrs. Monti to a Taylor street restaurant. On Kopp's return home the angry wife demanded that he forsake the woman with whom he had dined. Kopp refused, and plainly said that he loved Mrs. Monti. Then Mrs. Kopp drew a revolver and sent a bullet into her husband's forehead, killing him instantly. He was a retired restaurant-keeper, aged 57 years. She is 44 years of age, not unattractive in appearance and apparently of a mild disposition.

### AFTER ARMY CONTRACTS.

San Francisco—The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California, representing over 500 business houses of San Francisco, has addressed a communication to the quarter-master-general of the United States army at Washington, calling attention to and urging the correction of some recent methods of furnishing supplies forwarded to the army in the Philippine.

The letter states that large shipments of stores for the use of the army have reached here from the east, so badly damaged that 95 per cent of them were unfit for use. It is asked that such goods as are liable to damage on the rail be purchased here.

## MINES AND MINING.

### WOMAN DISCOVERED IT.

Reported to Have Discovered a Rich Mine in Alaska.

Chicago—A special to the Chronicle from Tacoma, Wash., says: Miss Frankie Flormon of Black Hills, S. D., has discovered what Atlin mining men believe will be the greatest quartz mine in Alaska and British Columbia. It consists of an ore vein from 200 to 600 feet in width and nearly a mile long. In its course this immense vein is intersected by Atlin city. The ledge is a true fissure of free milling ore with a hanging wall of serpentine and a foot wall of quartzite. The largest surface assay is \$27, and many assays average \$8, making it much richer than the famous Treadwell mine, if these values continue with the depth. To determine this shafts are now being sunk.

Miss Flormon, her father and friends have located claims covering the entire ledge. It was discovered by her two months ago, while she was hunting for mineral. She has been prospecting in Atlin for a time with her father, who is a well-known mining expert. After making her first location Miss Flormon superintended the work of stripping the ledge to determine its extent. She has also acquired a site for a stamp mill, and has water rights. Frank Baker, a prominent Atlin operator, has bonded her interest for \$200,000 and started Expert William Partidge to London to sell it.

### SAN ROQUE PLACERS.

A. G. Patton, a civil engineer, and Fred Crighton are among the latest arrivals from the San Roque placers. They made a thorough investigation of the field while there, and are not enthusiastic over the result. Mr. Patton, while not inclined to talk for publication, said yesterday:

"It is no place for an American without money. A color of gold can be had from dirt scooped up anywhere, but the lack of water and facilities for mining makes the work too expensive to be profitable, except in rare instances. It is essentially a Mexican camp, and my advice to Americans would be to keep away unless well supplied with capital and experience in working desert mines."

A Cripple Creek, (Col.) dispatch says: What is heralded as the greatest strike of regular shipping ore in the district was made by the Princess Alice Gold Mining Company. The strike is eight feet of gold ore that runs from \$10,000 to \$70,000 a ton, and in such quantities that it can be quarried without blasting. The find was made on the Lafayette claim, which is leased and bonded to the Princess Alice Company for \$30,000. The stockholders of the Princess Alice reside in Buffalo and Philadelphia, and are women of wealth who visited Cripple Creek about a year ago.

### MINING NOTES.

Some rich strikes in the Lamphear and Esperanza mines at Mokelumne Hill, Cal., have been made.

A strike of a 10-inch lead of almost pure galena on the left fork of Red River, in Taos county, N. M., is reported.

The Nelson placer mine, eight miles from Baker City, Or., is leased by a Chinese firm, and is a good paying property. They have forty men and two giants at work.

A Montreal-New York syndicate, of which Sir William Van Horn of Montreal is the head, has closed an option on several mining locations in the auriferous sands of the Adirondacks.

The Sonora, Cal., Union-Democrat says that in the O'Hara claim a \$3000 pocket was taken out last week. The claim is operated under a lease by A. E. and Charles Elsbree and James O'Hara, Jr., but is owned by James O'Hara, Sr.

John Wiswell of Columbus, Kan., and T. B. Marshall of Kansas City, Mo., have established themselves in Los Angeles for the purpose of working the Stephens process for extracting metals from ores, the rights to which they have acquired by purchase.

Stock in the Stratton Independence Company, the par value of which is one pound per share, is now quoted on the London market at two pounds, ten shillings a share. London capitalists are in a humor to pay well for good properties, none others need apply.

Charles D. Lane, the millionaire mine-owner of California, has headed a new corporation called the Wild Goose Mining and Trading Company, the purpose of which is to develop mining property in Alaska. Associated with Mr. Lane are Edward J. McClutcheon, J. Dennis Arnold, H. G. Stevenson and A. H. Winn.